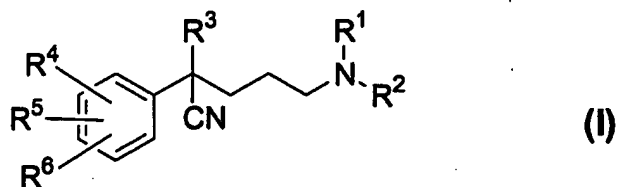


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): A hair growth promoting composition comprising, as an effective ingredient, a phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I):

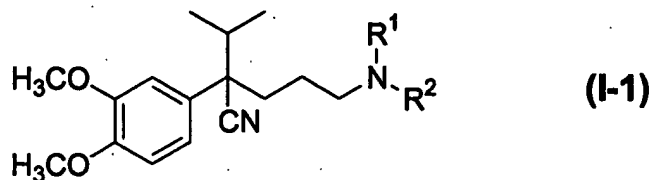


wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl group, a  $C_{2-10}$  alkenyl group or  $C_{2-10}$  acyl group, or  $NR^1R^2$  may be a heterocycle having 3-7 members;

$R^3$  is a  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl group; and

each of  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  is hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy group.

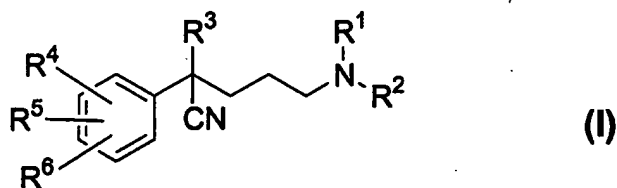
Claim 2 (original): The hair growth promoting composition according to claim 1, wherein said phenylacetonitrile derivative is expressed by the following Formula (I-1):



wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are as defined in said Formula (I).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The hair growth promoting composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and the other is an alkyl group.

Claim 4 (original): An external preparation for skin comprising a phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I):

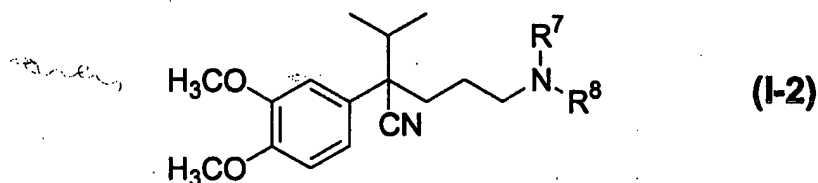


wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl group, a  $C_{2-10}$  alkenyl group or  $C_{2-10}$  acyl group, or  $NR^1R^2$  may be a heterocycle having 3-7 members;

$R^3$  is a  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl group; and

each of  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  is hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy group.

Claim 5 (original): A phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I-2):



wherein each of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl group or a  $C_{2-5}$  alkenyl group, or  $NR^7R^8$  may be a nonaromatic heterocycle having 3-7 members containing one nitrogen atom or an aromatic heterocycle having 5-7 members containing 1-3 nitrogen atoms, and wherein when one of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is hydrogen atom or methyl group, the other is  $C_{2-5}$  alkyl group or  $C_{2-5}$  alkenyl group.

Claim 6 (presently amended): A method for promoting hair growth, which comprises applying an effective amount of the phenylacetonitrile derivative or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by said Formula (I) of claim 1 on skin of mammals.

Claim 7 (original): A method for promoting hair growth according to claim 6, wherein the skin of mammals is human scalp.

Claim 8 (new): The hair growth promoting composition according to claim 2, wherein one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and the other is an alkyl group.